

### **Listing of the Claims**

Claim 1. (currently amended) An interdental brush having a brush part and a handle where the brush part is exchangeable characterized in that:

the brush part has an insertion groove 14 having facing planes 15 at an angle of  $70^{\circ}$  to  $110^{\circ}$  to an axial direction of the brush; and

the handle 20 has a brush holding portion 22 which connects with the insertion groove 14, said holding portion 22 lacking an orifice and comprising outer planes 25 configured to contact said facing planes 15.

Claim 2. (currently amended) An interdental brush set comprising an interdental brush of which brush part is exchangeable and a brush container 30 characterized in that:

the interdental brush comprises a brush part 10 and a handle 20 where the brush part 10 has an insertion groove 14 having facing planes 15 at an angle of  $70^{\circ}$  to  $110^{\circ}$  to an axial direction of the brush and a neck 12 projecting to the brush direction while covering the brush axis and a sectional shape of the neck has a major axis R in the same direction as that of the insertion groove 14;

the handle 20 has a brush holding portion 22 which connects to the insertion groove 14 at one end of the handle 20;

the brush container 30 comprises a brush detaching room 34 and a brush containing room 31 containing multiple replacement brush parts each of which neck 12 is supported by a neck holding slit 32 where a width of the neck holding slit of the brush containing room 31 is longer than minor axis length r and shorter than the major axis length R of the neck.

Claim 3 (new) The interdental brush as recited in Claim 1 wherein said contact between facing planes 15 and said outer planes 25 lacks voids.

Claim 4 (new) The interdental brush as recited in Claim 1 further comprising one or more depressions 26 in said outer planes 25 and one or more r protrusions 27 extending from said facing planes 15.

Claim 5 (new) The interdental brush as recited in Claim 1 further comprising one or more depressions in said facing planes 15 and one or more r protrusions 27 extending from said outer planes 25.